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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING, MARCH 6, 1975

FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM FUNSETH (S/PRS)

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FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE ACTING SPOKESMAN'S RESPONSES
AT TODAY'S BRIEFING:

1. EVACUATION FROM PHNOM PENH (IN RESPONSE TO A REUTER'S
REPORT THAT ALL NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL WOULD BE EVACUATED
MARCH 7) -- FUNSETH STATED WE HAD PHONED EMBASSY PHNOM PENH
JUST BEFORE BRIEFING AND THAT REPORT WAS FALSE. WE HAVE
CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR AN EVACUATION FROM THIS AS WELL AS
OTHER POSTS, BUT NO EVACUATION HAS BEEN ORDERED.

2. RICE DISTRIBUTION -- WE HAVE RECEIVED NO INFORMATION
THAT WE ARE DISSATISFIED WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF RICE IN
CAMBODIA. WHILE WE'VE SEEN PRESS REPORTS THAT RICE IS
BEING KEPT IN WAREHOUSES, WE HAVE INFORMATION THAT THE RICE
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IS BEING DISTRIBUTED.

3. GENERAL SITUATION IN CAMBODIA -- AS HABIB SAID YESTERDAY, THE SITUATION IN PHNOM PENH IS DIFFICULT. HOWEVER, IF WE PROVIDE THE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED FROM THE CONGRESS, THE GKR HAS A REASONABLE CHANCE.

4. TEL AVIV TERRORIST INCIDENT -- REFERRED TO WHITE HOUSE AND SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS. ASKED IF INCIDENT WOULD CHANGE THE SECRETARY'S PLANS, FUNSETH NOTED THAT SECRETARY TOLD THE PRESS THIS INCIDENT UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE AND HIS HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE.

5. BANK OF AMERICA DOLLAR 500 MILLION CREDIT FOR THE USSR -- HAVE SEEN A PRESS REPORT. DO NOT THINK THERE WILL BE AN OFFICIAL COMMENT AS IT APPEARS TO BE A PRIVATE COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION.

6. WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES FROM THAILAND -- WE HAVE NOT HAD AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT WHICH INCIDENTALLY DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE SUCCEEDED IN GETTING ITS FIRST VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

7. PRC CANCELLATION OF COTTON ORDER -- DECLINED TO COMMENT.

8. MILITARY AID FOR ETHIOPIA -- NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE.

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